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EVENINGS at 7.20; SATURDAY MATINEES, at 2.20. Doors at 6.30 to 12.30 a.m.

THE NOTE OF THE NEW SESSION.

It is well understood that the session which begins to-day is to be a fighting session. The Opposition means to put into practice the theory that it is the business of an Opposition to oppose. The Government has no longer a majority in the country; hence it has no right to exist, much less to expect quarter. This will be the note of the new Session, and it may be useful, therefore, to recall the facts on which the contention of the Opposition is based.

If any Unionist member has so short a memory as to have forgotten those facts, he will have a forcible reminder of them during the next day or two, when the new members, elected since the close of last session, proceed to take their seats. The "General Election in Miniature" of last autumn, as we called it at the time, consisted of six by-elections—in Lincolnshire (Sleaford), North Bucks, Peterborough, Dundee, Elgin, and Brighton respectively. At the last general election these six seats were held by four Unionists and two Liberals. They are now held by two Unionists and four Liberals. These by-elections have, it will thus be seen, very precisely turned the tables. The majority of two to one which Ministers had at the general election has since been transferred to the Opposition.

So complete a *bouleversement*, and so characteristic a scale (for the "General Election in miniature" comprised counties and boroughs, Scotland and England), would in any case be remarkable. But it was not an isolated phenomenon. It was only the crown of a continual work. The pace of the Liberal reaction has quickened as it went; but the tendency has been in the same direction ever since coercion was introduced. The "unprecedented success of Mr. BALFOUR," of which the Unionists prate, has been dogged throughout by the success of the Liberals at the polls. The total number of by-elections up to date has been 85; but from this total a deduction of four should be made for Burnley, Merthyr Tydvil, South Sligo, and Dundee, in each of which constituencies there have been two by-elections. The total is thus reduced to 81. At the General Election these 81 seats were held by 50 Unionists and 31 Liberals. They are now held by 39 Unionists and 42 Liberals. On the whole transaction the Liberals have gained, and the Unionists have lost, 11 seats. Ministers have still a majority in the House of 84 but that majority has no longer any representative value.

This fact comes out more strongly still if we look behind the seats won and lost to the numbers of votes polled on either side. Of the 81 by-elections above recorded, 45 were in constituencies which were contested both at those by-elections and at the General Election of 1886. On a comparison of the two sets of elections, the case of these 45 seats stands as follows:—

	Liberals.		Unionists.
Seats won	12	.....	1
Hostile majorities decreased	13	.....	7
Favourable majorities increased	9	.....	3
	34		11

That is to say, the Liberals have gained ground in 34 of the 45 seats; the Unionists in 11. Or, if we look more closely into the actual figures, the case stands thus:—

	Votes.
Liberals have gained on comparison of majorities	22,822
Unionists " "	4,050
Net Liberal gain on 1886	18,732

Further piling up the figures would be useless. Take the by-elections in whatever scientific way you will, and the moral of them is the same. The result of the Partick election to-day will admittedly confirm that moral; for the only doubtful question is by how many hundreds the Liberals will reduce the Unionist majority. The hold on the country which the Unionists obtained by the abstentions of Liberals in 1886 has slipped away from them. They remain in power but not in authority. The electorate, which is the final repository of power, and the ultimate court of appeal, has declared against them. If they continue to legislate and to coerce it will be legislation and coercion on an exhausted mandate. Hence it is the bounden duty of the Opposition to oppose them at every turn. This is the new state of things which will give the note to the new session which opens to-day.

STAGE AND SONG.

The next production at the Haymarket Theatre has not as yet been definitely decided upon. If "A Man's Shadow" should persist in its successful run until May, some comparatively light piece will be placed in the programme for the remainder of the season. If, however, a change should become necessary at an earlier period, Mr. Grundy's long-promised adaptation from the French will be submitted to public approval. This play will be found to be in no sense of the word melodramatic; on the contrary, I understand that it is of the strong "domestic" order, falling, perhaps, in the same class as "Olivia." The scene is laid in the provinces of France in the present day. Mr. Tree will appear in a powerful and sympathetic character—that of a Catholic priest. Mrs. Tree will play an *ingenue* part, and Mr. James Fernandez, Mr. Frederick Terry and Miss Norreys will also be in the cast.

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The last chance of a renewed lease of life for "Cinderella" at Her Majesty's has vanished, for Mr. Justice Kay has not seen his way to sanction the reopening of the theatre. Perhaps this is just as well, for although it has been thought in many quarters that the freely-advertised troubles of the poor "super" would secure sympathy and patronage for the show, the most competent judges in such matters have never believed in the possibility of the pantomime recovering in anything like a substantial manner from the shock of its disastrous collapse.

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According to a New York dramatic journal, Mr. "Middleman" Jones is due in "the States" at Easter. It is to be hoped that he will not be persuaded to give American playgoers the first peep at the new piece which he is now engaged upon—that is, if it is as good as the Shaftesbury success.

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Miss Dorothy Dene proposes to open one of our leading West-end theatres very shortly for a series of matinées. The main object of the enterprise will be the production of a new five-act play from the pen of Mr. Jocelyn Brandon, who, it will be remembered, was responsible for the version of "L'Arlésienne," recently given under the title of "The Love that Kills." The promised novelty is called "The King's Favourite," and its action will carry us back to the days of the Stuarts. Miss Dorothy Dene herself will play the principal character, and Miss Annie Rose will appear in an important part.

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The proprietors of "Ye Ocean Wave" at Hengler's invited the dramatic and musical professions yesterday afternoon to try the exhilarating effect of their gigantic switchback roundabout. A few important and a good many unimportant actors obeyed the summons, but the bulk of the company appeared to be composed of the shapely chorus ladies from the metropolitan homes of comic opera and burlesque. Mr. Bancroft braved the imitation elements with much pomp and solemnity, and Mr. Rutland Barrington was also induced—after some persuasion—to trust himself to the turbulence of the canvas waves; but Mr. Weedon Grossmith flatly refused to venture "on board the lugger," even for one voyage, while another comedian excused himself from embarking on the ground that there was no sea air to counteract the influence of the mechanical swell.

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Last night at the Alhambra the programme was strengthened by the arrival from Paris of M. Brunet and Mdme. Rivière, who describe themselves as "Continental eccentric duettists." This lady and gentleman are certainly adepts in the production of strange vocal noises, and their performance—though given throughout in their native language—proved vastly amusing to the large audience which filled the big variety theatre. They were most successful in a tuneful Spanish valse and an excessively clever imitation of the xylophone—that well-known battery of wood-blocks, the harmonious hammering of which is always popular in "the halls." "Asmodeus"—most brilliant of ballets—is just as attractive as ever, Signor de Vincenti's extraordinarily agile dancing being the main feature of this Terpsichorean feast.

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Despite all the statements which have appeared concerning the coming production of "Theodora" at Drury Lane, I have every reason for believing that no definite arrangement has yet been arrived at in the matter, and that the various rumours are consequently somewhat premature.

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The O.U.D.S. performances of Browning's "Strafford" will commence at the New Theatre, Oxford, to-morrow evening. The chief interest of the production will, of course, centre in young Mr. Henry Irving's rendering of the title-rôle. Matinées of the play will be given on Saturday and Monday next, so that Londoners will have no difficulty in gauging the histrionic talent of the stage-struck Oxonians.

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The Minnie Palmer series of matinées will be inaugurated at the Gaiety next Saturday. Mr. Walter Frith's new play, "The Home Fund," is due at the Comedy on Friday afternoon. In all probability "As You Like It" will be seen at the St. James's on the 27th inst.

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CHANGES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

I. New Members.

The changes in the *personnel* of the House which have occurred during the Recess are not very numerous, being limited to those enumerated in the following table:—

Ins.	Outs.
Mr. J. Leng, L., Dundee.	Mr. C. H. Anderson, L., Elgin (died).
Mr. G. Loder, C., Brighton.	Mr. J. F. B. Firth, L., Dundee (died).
Mr. Seymour Keay, L., Elgin.	Hon. W. J. Fitzwilliam, C., Peterborough (died).
Mr. A. C. Morton, L., Peterboro'.	Hon. E. Hubbard, C., North Bucks (succeeded to peerage).
Captain Verney, L., North Bucks.	Sir W. T. Robertson, C., Bton. (died).
	Mr. Craig Sellar, U.L., Partick (died).

To which should be added that Mr. Chaplin has during the recess been re-elected. He left the House at the end of last session a private member. He re-enters it now a Cabinet Minister. There are also, it should be said, three seats vacant—Glamorgan, Partick, and Waterford County (West). Finally, it may be convenient in view of coming divisions to tabulate the present state of parties in the House. This stands as follows:—

Government.	Gen. El.	Since.	Opposition.	Gen. El.	Since.
Tories	317	— 9	Liberals	192	+ 15 ... 207
Liberal Unionists	75	— 6 ... 69	Parnellites	86	... 86
	377				293

The Government majority, which at the General Election was 114, has now shrunk (by by-elections and Liberal conversions) to 84.

II.—New Rooms.

The changes which have taken place in the House of Commons during the Recess are not confined to its *personnel* alone. The First Commissioner of Works has taken advantage of five months' quiet at St. Stephen's, in order to carry out several much-needed alterations, intended to increase the comfort of the M.P. and his friends. The Journal Office and the Private Bill Office have been removed to a building recently erected at the western side of Westminster Hall (of which some sketches were given in these columns last week) and several new rooms arranged for in their stead. The most important of these new rooms are the new Smoking Room, the new Reading Room, and the Ladies' Dining Room. These have been formed out of the dozen Journal Offices which, up to the end of last session, stood on a level with and overlooking the Terrace. The Private Bill Office (which was entered from St. Stephen's Hall) has been converted into three or four rooms which are to be used as waiting-rooms for members' private secretaries.

The downstair rooms, which are approached by more than one staircase, are pleasantly situated. They are six in all, and stand in the following order:—

I. First Commissioner of Works.	II. Liberal-Unionist Whip.	III. Ladies' Dining Room.	IV. Serving Room.	V. Members' Reading Room.	VI. Members' Private Smoking Room.

The first two rooms are each about eighteen to twenty feet square, and are furnished with a couch, an easy chair, and three or four ordinary chairs. There seems to be some doubt as to who is to occupy them; but those likely to be best informed say that Mr. Plunket intends to annex the first, while the Liberal Unionist whip has been promised the second. Both the Liberal Unionist and Parnellite whips are to have rooms in some part of the building. The Ladies' Dining Room is large enough to accommodate half-a-dozen tables. A serving-room adjoins it, and the kitchens and storerooms are near at hand. Next comes the Reading Room, which, like all the others, is elegantly fitted up; and then comes the largest room of the lot, the Members' Private Smoking Room. This has a doorway which leads on to the Terrace, and will be sacred to members of the House. Strangers will under no circumstances be admitted to it. When it is added that each room overlooks the river Thames, that it is comfortably upholstered, and fitted with the electric light, the value of Mr. Plunket's boon to the hardworked M.P. will be indicated plainly enough. The four rooms which have been made out of what was once the Private Bill Office will probably for the most part be converted into Waiting Rooms for persons seeking interviews with members of the House. The inconveniences of the present system, and the inadequacy of the Central Lobby to the demands often made upon it, have long been evident. Another of these rooms will probably be given up to Members' secretaries, and the remaining room will no doubt be allotted to the Parnellite whips.

THE NELL GWYNNE SALE.

VERY rarely has the public an opportunity of seeing so complete a collection of illustrations of a particular period as that illustrative of the life of Nell Gwynne, which was dispersed at Sotheby's rooms yesterday. The gay Court of the Merry Monarch naturally lent itself to picturesque treatment, and the Court painters, Lely and Kneller, took full advantage of its picturesqueness. Nell Gwynne herself, too, was a fascinating figure, whose personal characteristics are familiar to us all—the merry face, the twinkling eyes, which almost disappeared when she laughed, the rounded, graceful figure, and the smallest foot in England. The collector, therefore, who chooses such a subject has a specially good field to work in; but, even making that allowance, the collection dispersed yesterday was remarkable for its completeness. As we recall the incidents of Nell's career we turn to the collection before us, and find there portraits of practically every one whose name is associated with hers.

Calling up one of the most familiar scenes, we see the swarthy Charles strolling through St. James's Park, surrounded by his favourite spaniels, and attended by the grave Mr. Evelyn, who is singing the praises of a new and original genius in wood-carving whom he has discovered—one Grinling Gibbons. But the King catches sight of a female figure lolling on a garden terrace, and Mr. Evelyn, to his great scandal, has to stand and listen to a very familiar discourse between his Majesty and "Mrs. Nellie, as they call'd an impudent comedian." Let us turn now to our portraits to see the very features of those whose figures are in this picture. In addition to numerous portraits of "Mrs. Nellie" herself, here is the King in various shapes—engravings after the portraits by Lely and Kneller; a rare engraving of Charles seated on his throne, between Archbishop Sheldon and the Earl of Clarendon; and a curious print by J. Van Meurs, of Charles when young, represented as wearing a very Dutch-looking high-crowned hat. Of John Evelyn, the chronicler of our scene, we have a beautiful picture by that prince of portrait engravers, Robert Nanteuil, who generally drew his subject as well as engraved it. His Evelyn is not one of his characteristically large prints, but it is a beautiful and interesting work. Grinling Gibbons, too, is here, a pleasant-looking gentleman, whose amiable expression is something of a contrast to the severe look of Mrs. Gibbons.

Visions of Nell in that theatre in which she was a popular comedian rise before us: Her first appearance there was in front of the curtain, where, after her novitiate in Mdme. Ross's house, in which her business was "to fill out strong water for the gentlemen," she sold oranges to the pittites. Here she attracted the attention of the noted comedian, John Lacy, and the no less celebrated tragedian, Charles Hart, from both of whom she received instruction in the art of acting. Hart brought her on the stage, where she played light comedy characters perfectly, danced to admiration, and spoke prologue or epilogue with unequalled sauciness and grace. Of her theatrical companions our collection has an interesting group. Of Hart there is unfortunately no portrait, but John Lacy is here in an etching by Hopkins after the well-known picture at Hampton Court, which was painted by special command of Charles, and shows the actor in three of his best parts. Of Thomas Killigrew, the manager of the King's company, to which Nell belonged, there are no fewer than three portraits; and here also are William Cartwright, a large and jovial-looking comedian, who played Falstaff fairly well, and Margaret (or "Peg") Hughes, the *chère amie* of Prince Rupert, whom Lely painted seated beside a fountain catching the water in a scallop-shell. The opposition company, the Duke's, is well represented in the collection. Sir William Davenant, the manager, is here in the well-known Faithorne print; and the leading actor, Thomas Betterton, is represented by a fine mezzotint after Sir Godfrey Kneller's beautiful portrait. Harris, Betterton's fellow actor and rival, is shown in the rare print of him as Cardinal Wolsey; Anthony Leigh, whom Cibber considered an unequalled comedian, is pictured in his great part of the Spanish Friar; and there is a curious little specimen of the queer print of Cave Underhill in the character of Obadiah, "the Fanatick Elder." Another member of the Duke's company, and one to whom special interest attaches, is Mrs. Davies, who was one of Mdme. Gwynne's rivals in the affections of the fickle king, and who was disgraced by a particularly unsavoury expedient of the ingenious Nell. Of her there are two engravings after Lely, neither of which gives a very exalted idea of her personal charms.

Of Nell Gwynne herself there is naturally a large number of portraits. There are several impressions of the well-known Lely, in which she is shown in a very *décolletée* state, resting her hand on the head of a lamb. One of these, engraved by Valck, has the amusing inscription:—

> The Sculpter's part is done, the features hitt
> Of Madame Gwin. No Arte can shew her Witt.

The title of Van Bleeck's engraving after another Lely informs us that Nell was "A celebrated actress and distinguished favourite of King Charles the Second." Among the other portraits we have Nell, with an exceedingly limited allowance of clothing, in a fine mezzotint by Green after Lely; we see her in a rare print, by Allard, with her two sons, somewhat matronly in appearance; and we have also various small portraits, mostly reproductions at various periods of familiar pictures. It seems ungracious to conclude the notice of this fine collection with fault-finding; but it may be pointed out that it does not contain the rarest of all the Nell Gwynne prints. This is the engraving after Gascar's picture, in which she is represented lying on a bed of roses, wrapped (very imperfectly) in a garment elaborately trimmed with beautiful lace. The curtains of her couch are drawn apart by her two sons in the characters of Cupids; and, in the distance, the King, attended by another Cupid, is seen approaching. It is scarcely surprising not to find this print here, for it is of the utmost rarity; and Dr. Burney's copy, which is in the British Museum, is said to have cost him no less than thirty-eight guineas at Sir Egerton Brydges' sale.

The pecuniary result of the sale was not out of keeping with its artistic importance, the total sum brought by the two hundred and fifteen lots being £442. Among the more notable prices were the following:—Nell Gwynne, after Lely, by Van Bleeck, £6 6s.; by Green, £3 15s.; by McArdell, £3 3s.; by Valck, £4 4s.; by Valck, after Cooper, £4 17s. 6d.; Nell with her two sons, by Allard, £7 7s.; Charles II., by Lutterel, after Lely, £6 5s.; by Williams, after Lely, £2 16s.; by Sherwin, £4 14s.; by R. White, after Kneller, £1 7s.; Betterton, by Williams, after Kneller, £4 8s.; Margaret Hughes, after Lely, £3 3s.; Mrs. Davies by Tompson, after Lely, £3; Thomas Killigrew, by A. Bosse, £4 4s.; by Faithorne, £4 4s.; Prince Rupert, by Tempest, £10 15s.; after Lely, by Blooteling, £5 15s.; by Tompson, £3 15s.; Evelyn, by Nanteuil, £3 3s. The highest priced print was Sherwin's Duchess of Cleveland, from the St. John Dent collection, which brought £18 15s.; Browne's Madame Jane Robarts, after Lely, was sold for £13; Blooteling's Duchess of Portsmouth for £11; Sherwin's Duke of Albemarle for £8 5s.; while Blooteling's Earl of Shaftesbury brought £5 10s.; Faithorne's Elias Ashmole, £6 15s.; and Valck Duchess of Mazarine, a singularly fine impression, £12 12s.

THE NEW REGULATIONS AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

The new regulations at the British Museum Library, which came into force some months ago, whereby recent novels are withheld from readers, and manuscripts and newspaper files are to be inspected in special rooms, have, strangely enough, had little effect upon the number of readers in the great circular reading-room. The number of these is still about 700 a day. On the other hand, there has been a perceptible tendency to come earlier in the morning, so that the attendance is spread more evenly than it used to be over the day, and a seat may now occasionally be secured in the afternoon.

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OCCASIONAL NOTES.

The Queen's Speech to-day, judging by the "prophetic" forecasts of leader writers who have copies of the document in their desk, will hold out the following prospect of legislation this Session:—

1. Irish Land Purchase Bill.
2. Tithe Bill.
3. Land Transfer Bill.
4. Artizans' Dwellings in London.
5. Bill Amending Limited Liability Act.
6. Friendly Society and Trustee Savings Bank Bill.
7. A Barracks Bill.
8. Scotch Private Bill Legislation.
9. Employers' Liability Bill.
10. Irish Local Government Bill.

There is to be a Royal Commission on the crofter question, and the Swaziland negotiations are still going on. That is all the Queen's Speech tells us. The most notable item is that which is not there. We refer to the omission of any reference to free education.

Most of the bills promised by the Government are hardy annuals, that appear every year like the crocuses, and disappear with the same regularity. For instance, the following bills have already figured in many Queen's Speeches:—

Tithes	1887	...	1888	...	1889	... 1890
Land Transfer	1887	...	1888	...	1889	... 1890
Scotch Private Bills ...	1887	...	1888	...	—	... 1890
Limited Liability	—	...	1888	...	1889	... 1890
Employers' Liability...	—	...	1888	...	1889	... 1890

The only new measures promised this year deal with Irish Land Purchase, Irish Local Government, Artisans' Dwellings in London, and new barracks. Of these the second and third are shadowy to the last degree. So the new programme is fined down to this—a bill for building new barracks and another for investing English money in setting Irish peasants up in business as landlords on their own account.

As hypocrisy is said to be the sincerest homage which vice pays to virtue, we suppose we must congratulate her Majesty's Government upon the reference which they make in the Queen's Speech to the extension to Ireland of local government on the lines of the English and Scotch Bills. No one, of course, is so deluded as to take it seriously. It is merely a hypocritical homage paid with the tongue in the cheek to a principle on which they are trampling roughshod every day in the week. With the third city in Ireland deprived of the right to control its own poor law relief, the less that is said about the extension of local government in Ireland the better.

The difference between promise and performance in this matter of Irish Local Government is very marked. In 1881, in the Queen's Speech, framed when Mr. Forster was Irish Secretary, the following passage occurred:—

> A measure will be submitted to you for the establishment of county government in Ireland founded upon representative principles, and framed with the double aim of confirming popular control of expenditure, and of supplying a yet more serious want by extending the formation of habits of local self-government.

That was nine years ago. Nothing has been done since then. And nine years hereafter, if Home Rule be still deferred, it will be found that nothing will be done for the reform of Irish County Government. And for this reason. The policy of the importunate widow cannot be applied to further a reform which no one particularly wants except those who will use it to secure a further reform.

The Kaiser seems to have squared the Republic. An invitation to lunch to the Swiss Envoy at Berlin seems to have settled that matter to the German satisfaction, and now it is announced that the Swiss and German Governments are agreed. The Swiss are to have all the credit of having made the running for the German scheme, but the Swiss Conference is to be merged. We are all going, it seems, to accept the Kaiser's invitation —excepting France; but even France will come in now that Switzerland has passed on the delegates from Berne to Berlin. After all, it is sometimes worth while being a Kaiser.

What can you make of a benevolent but wrong-headed old gentleman like the Pope, when he spoils all his chances, as His Holiness appears to be bent on doing? There are several Cardinals' hats vacant, and the creation of five new non Italian Cardinals would have been a clear indication that the Holy Father was determined to emancipate the Catholic Church from the reproach of being exploited by an Italian camerilla. But it is said every one of the new Cardinals is to be an Italian! It is enough to make non-Italian Catholics despair. But the Pope's action about the Labour Conference is even worse. He will be delighted to attend, if invited, on condition that the Italian Government is not represented. What midsummer madness is this? Alas! can Cardinal Manning wonder that so many of those who are most sympathetic to the Holy See should shrug their shoulders and say, "Ephraim is joined to his idols, leave him alone!"

At the meeting of the Women's Trades Association yesterday, nothing was said on what is perhaps the greatest need of all for working women. This is the provision of lodgings, at once respectable and unrestrained, for single women. At present a working woman must either put up with the worst private lodgings, or if she goes to a "home" submit to galling and inconvenient restrictions. What is wanted is the establishment throughout London of "Spinsterages," somewhat on the model of the "Students' Lodgings" attached to Toynbee Hall. Perhaps the "Women's Toynbee Hall" farther East will show the way in this matter.

In an instructive interview in yesterday's *Star*, Mr. William O'Brien laid down a valuable formula. It was this: "the more Mr. Balfour coerces, the more the Irish people subscribe." They have actually subscribed more, he said, during the three years of Balfourism than they did during the previous ten years. Here are the figures:—

Tenants' Defence Fund	£40,000
Parnell Defence Fund.....	40,000
Other National Purposes	30,000
	£110,000

After this, who can deny that Mr. Balfour has been remarkably "successful"—as a Nationalist collecting agent?

It is satisfactory to learn, from the very interesting Viennese letter in this morning's *Times*, that the "zone system" on the Hungarian State railways has so far been a complete success. The system consisted, it will be remembered, of dividing Hungary into a series of zones and of making the fares to any place within the same zone uniform. The result of the first year's working of this system has been, while immensely reducing the majority of fares, to increase the number of passengers by about 70 per cent., and the receipts by 25 per cent. Moreover:—

> The new system has not obliged the State Railways to buy a single additional carriage or to add to their staff of servants. On the contrary, it is proved that the zone tariffs have enormously diminished incidental expenses, and particularly the cost of the booking-offices. Formerly 607 categories of tickets were sold at the terminus of Budapest; now there are but ninety-two categories, which means that six-sevenths of the labour of booking, sorting, controlling, and auditing have been abolished. A single booking clerk can now do the work which formerly required two or three clerks: while in the administrative department of the railways the saving on clerks' salaries is even greater.

This is most hopeful, and the future working and development of the system will be full of interest. It may be the pioneer of uniform railway rates in every country of the world.

UNIVERSITY NOTES AND NEWS.

I.—OXFORD. (FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Mr. Gladstone gave many proofs at Oxford of his unimpaired physical vigour. Although the occupants of rooms on the ground and first floors ordered to set them at his disposal, he chose some that were available on the second rather than disturb anybody. With an agility that any athlete might have envied, he mounted the stairs three at a time and reached the top without the least fatigue. When out walking he went at a pace that put whoever accompanied him out of breath. During his address at the Union he consulted his notes without using his eye-glasses. He quoted line after line by heart from Homer, and could remind friends of many an event of his undergraduate days. Going home from dinner parties out of the cosy common-rooms into the cold frosty air he wore no overcoat but his D.C.L. gown and a short thin cape.

But what has charmed Oxford most is Mr. Gladstone's conversational power and the wide range of his knowledge of men and books. His address at the Union on a subject which most of his hearers expected to find difficult and obscure, proved highly interesting, though all would have preferred a theme that gave better scope to his oratorical powers. His speech in returning thanks is generally admitted to have been a most brilliant piece of oratory.

There is a foolish rumour in Oxford that Mr. Gladstone did not altogether escape the prank-playing proclivities of the undergrad. Every day, it is true, he found on his table a small pile of unstamped letters, for which double postage had to be paid. But even the rowdiest members of the University felt too much respect for their illustrious guest to indulge in juvenile freaks at his expense. The fact is that, wherever Mr. Gladstone is he receives unstamped letters from correspondents in all parts of the country who do not think it necessary to pay postage when they write to an ex-Prime Minister.

The Union will profit by Mr. Gladstone's visit, and deservedly so. It is at last the oldest and largest club in Oxford, but it has suffered greatly by the number of exclusive smaller clubs which now exist in Oxford. These latter being greatly sought after leave to the Union the "excluded" portion of undergrads. And so one cannot fail to be glad when a great ex-President of the Union comes to remind us of the great position which the Union should hold in Oxford.

Last Friday the Dean of Christ Church reached the venerable age of eighty.

The Torpids come on next Thursday. There will be good racing the first night, as New College would like to get B.N.C., but the task is perhaps beyond them. Both Magdalen and Trinity are, we think, rising boats, but much will depend on the first night's racing as to which boat gets the fun. In the second division Pembroke and the Second New College boat will go up; this last made six bumps last year, and if they do the same this year they will be the second 2nd Torpid in the first division, for even though Christ Church II. were bumped all six nights, they could not get into the second division.

C. H. St. J. Hornby, of New College, is now being tried for the Varsity eight, vice P. D. Tuckett, of Trinity.

II.—CAMBRIDGE. (FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

The first of the Chamber and Orchestral Concerts for the term will be given to-morrow, and the programme is an attractive one. It is only recently that Professor Stanford has introduced orchestral music into the Wednesday pop's., and he has at the same time started a series of lectures illustrative of the music to be performed at the concerts. The lectures are entirely open, and being accompanied by piano-playing have proved most interesting and instructive.

The Greek Play Committee have finally decided to give the "Ion" of Euripides, Dr. Furnivall, I see, has been suggesting that the Cambridge Browning Society should be revived. That society held some interesting meetings, though it was never in a very flourishing condition, but the University ought to be able to keep up some purely literary interests.

It seems that the bedmakers are to be abolished, and we are to be waited on by men only. Such at least is the proposal of a report now circulating. In the male bedmaker lurks a half-reminder of the "mighty daughters of the plough," but the reform is apparently feasible and desirable. The university has responsibilities towards the town, to which it has not always perhaps been quite prompt to attend; and extensive women service in the colleges produces some positive evils. It keeps mothers from their homes, and enables wives to support their husbands. Oxford and Trinity College, Dublin, have been able to dispense with women, and have not found the change expensive or inconvenient.

Liberals are apt to form an inactive minority at the University, but the C. U. Liberal Club is showing signs of life. A meeting is to be held to-morrow with Dr. Verrall in the chair, at which the speakers are to be Mr. R. T. Reid, Q.C., M.P., and Mr. R. C. Lehmann, of Trinity, the just-accepted Liberal candidate of the borough, and an "Old Blue." The present member for Cambridge, Mr. G. O. P. Fitzgerald, of Trinity Hall, is a Tory and also an Old Blue. He took his degree in 1863, and it must have been an ordinary one. The tickets for the Liberal meeting, by the way, are to be obtained from Mr. E. Labouchere Thornton, a suggestive name.

The University eight continues to be watched with interest, but the prophets speak as yet with no certain voice. The crews have got into their ship, and are not quite at home there, while the present slow stroke helps to imperil their steadiness. Mr. A. M. Hutchinson has begun to coach them, and everything is in trim for serious work.

The Chancellor's Classical Medals, which were instituted in 1751 by his grace Thomas Holles, Duke of Newcastle, have been awarded to Mr. Edwin Abbott, B.A., of Caius, and Mr. Henry Beauchamp Walters, B.A., of King's, while Mr. Edward Ernest Sykes, B.A., of St. John's, and Mr. George Middleton, of Emmanuel, have been distinguished in the examination. All the four men are scholars of their respective colleges, and obtained first classes in the classical tripos of 1886, the first three having been Bell scholars in 1887, Mr. Abbott and Mr. Sykes being respectively Browne scholar and medallist in 1886. Mr. Abbott is the son of the late head master of the City of London, who was himself a Chancellor's medallist in 1861, which was a great year for that institution, Dr. Abbott being senior classic, and his schoolfellow, Mr. William Aldis—professor of mathematics in the University College, Auckland, New Zealand—senior wrangler and first Smith's Prizeman.

The Craven Scholarship, left by will of Lord John Craven in 1647 for classics, is awarded to Mr. Walter Coventry Summers, scholar of St. John's, Mr. Thomas Anton Bertram, scholar of Caius, being deserving of honourable mention. It was Mr. Bertram, by the way, who proposed the motion in favour of the *Pall Mall Gazette* at the union a few weeks ago. The Craven is the oldest of university scholarships, only one other—the Lumley—having been founded in the seventeenth century. The Chancellor's medals came fairly early being the second foundation in the eighteenth century, when nine were added to the list, which now numbers fifty.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. FURNISS AND THE PHEASANTS.

To the EDITOR *of the* PALL MALL GAZETTE.

SIR,—As I am the author of the cartoon in last week's *Punch*, to which you refer in to-day's issue, allow me to point out that I have been living among the pheasants this winter, and am quite as well aware of the fact that pheasant shooting ceases on February 1 as your correspondent or any one else possessing a penny almanack; but perhaps it will be news to your correspondent to hear that the "Summons to Duty" was delivered to the country member five days before the 1st., and that is the incident I illustrate. I wonder your correspondent did not point out how impossible it is a man can hunt, shoot, go yachting, play golf, visit Cannes, and read in his library at home at the same time.—I remain, Sir, faithfully yours,

HARRY FURNISS.

Bournemouth, Feb. 10.

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ECHOES FROM THE OXFORD MAGAZINE.*

THE wisdom of our ancestors has long ago decided once for all that reviews at least should above all other things journalistic be strictly editorial. Hence, even when we write under our own proper signatures in monthlies or weeklies where such personality is permitted by the genius of the periodical, a great many of us employ by preference the pronoun "we" instead of "I," in order the better to effect this vile purpose. But the wisdom of our ancesters has also decided that no rule is without exception: and it is hard, indeed, for the present critic to review an Oxford magazine from a purely impartial standpoint without recollecting that he himself in his day has likewise edited a precisely similar and ephemeral monthly. And the wonder of it is, when one comes to look close, how very much alike all these Oxford and Cambridge magazines always are. Empires fall; faiths decay; systems collapse; but the eternal undergraduate goes on for ever. We intend no disparagement to this very amusing and brilliant little volume when we say in a word that it precisely resembles in tone and character the *Oxford Spectator* and half a dozen more of its less famous predecessors. There is the same sparkling wit, the same youthful buoyancy, the same narrow range of interests and ideas, the same adolescent devotion to parody, and especially to clever but facile imitations of the style of two or three particularly manneristic Greek or Roman authors. Have we not all seen it before—the Aristotelian fragment, the modern excerpt from a lost treatise of Thucydides, the bland and guileless Herodotean tale, the deliciously casuistical Platonic dialogue? Every one of them is redolent of that academic youth which knows more of Tacitus than of Spencer or Arnold, which is more at home in Æschylus and Demosthenes than in Browning or George Meredith. Clever, lively, and crisp it all is, to be sure, but on every page we have an uncomfortable feeling that we have read this kind of thing half a dozen times already, and may read it again half a dozen times more in the near future.

And is not the *Oxford Magazine*, too, everywhere marked with evident signs of that strange Oxford barrenness which seems to settle like a blight on the university precincts? So much is imitative, so little is original. When our poets leave off copying Virgil or Catullus, they turn to parodies of Swinburne, of Walt Whitman, or even of Walter Mapes of mediæval fame. There are excellent ballades in the newest style from which, however, we learn little more that is novel than the bare fact that what we used to call a "freshman" in our antique style is now called a "fresher," which, to our conservative minds, seem a very slight improvement indeed, if any. The very best work in the volume is done by "Q.," whom the university, as so often happens, has now turned away from its nursing bosom to the tender mercies of Messrs. Cassell and Company, Limited. He has since won his spurs, and, we may even say, his splendid spurs—in far other fields than those of classical parody. But many of his contributions to this little volume show in their way higher literary workmanship than most that he has yet attempted in his own proper person. What, for example, can be more charming than the "Anecdote for Fathers," in the style of the late W. W., with its exquisite *enfantillage*:—

I have a boy, not six years old,
A sprite of birth and lineage high.
His birth I did myself behold;
His caste is in his eye,
And oh, his limbs are full of grace,
His boyhood's beauty past compare,
His mother's joy, to wash his face;
And mine, to brush his hair.

Or what more delightfully Browningesque than Caliban's musing on that dreaded examination in the Rudiments of Faith and Religion?

Rudiments, Rudiments, and Rudiments,
'Thinketh one made them i' the fit o' the blues,
'Thinketh one made them with the "tips" to match
But not the answers; 'doubteth there be none,
Only Guides, Helps, Analyses, such as that:
Also this Beast that groweth sleek thereon,
And snow-white hand that rounds the neck o' th' same,
'Thinketh it came of being ill at ease
Hath heard that Satan finds some mischief still
For idle hands, and the rest o't. That's the case.
Also hath heard they put the names i' the hat;
Toss out a brace, a dozen stick inside:
Let forty through and plough the sorry rest.

What, again, can be better in its way than the charming ballade

Quips, Quirks are his, and Quiddities;
The epic and the tea-cup Muse;
Bookbinding; Absolution;
Ballades that banish all the Blues.
Young Married Life among Yahoos,
An Iliad, an Ourang-outang,
Triolets, Totems, and Tattoos—
Who can it be but Andrew Lang?

With the charming envoy:—

Fresher, he dwelt with Torpid Crews,
And once, like you, he knew the pang
Of Mods, of Greats, of weekly Dues,
And yet he is an Andrew Lang.

Altogether this is a dainty volume—prettily bound, prettily printed, neatly got up, with uncut edges—and it is throughout of the style which such luxurious accidents bespeak and duly embellish. The outside world will find in it little to instruct or admire. But to the old Oxford man it will be a joy, if not for ever, at least for sundry stray half-hours of after-dinner solitude. He will smile on it with that peculiar smile which breaks over his face as he walks again down the High to Magdalen, or strolls through Christ Church Meadows on Show Sunday. It transports us all once more to that forgotten world in which we wore the gown, when we were younger, fresher, wiser, and gayer; when we firmly believed with all our hearts that wisdom resided in Heads of Houses, and that Thucydides and Cleon were vastly more important persons in the world's history than Prince Bismarck or Mr. Gladstone.

* "Echoes from the Oxford Magazine." (London: H. Frowde. 1890.)

TWO MINOR EXHIBITIONS.

Of the two minor exhibitions recently opened—the one of Mr. Bearne at Mr. MacLean's, and the other of Mr. F. W. Topham at Mr. Dunthorne's Gallery—the first-named is far and away the better and the more interesting. The artist has rambled through many of the cathedral towns of Italy and Germany, and chosen the most picturesque spots and views for representation, with a happy selection, bringing in his adequately-drawn figures and incidents with capital effect. So far the series is a very interesting one, but in his anxiety to be a "colourist" Mr. Bearne has exaggerated the local tones and tints until many of his drawings appear, and indeed are, terribly forced. In the eyes of the average buyer, however, this is no fault, if we are to judge by the rapidity with which they have been snapped up; but for ourselves we look in the near future for far better work from the artist, who cannot remain satisfied with strength of colour at the expense of drawing and harmonious effect. There is not much that can be said in praise of Mr. Topham's exhibition, which he has entitled "Pictures from a Home County." The way in which Mr. Topham has unaccountably deter orated of late years is painfully emphasized in this collection of two dozen little pictures, which for the most part have neither distinction of colour, truth of effect, or excellence in figure-painting. An exception should be made in the case of one or two of the smaller canvases, notably in "The Retired Village Blacksmith" (13), which is decidedly above the average; but the majority impress the visitor as examples of highly-coloured mediocrity. It should be added that Mr. Dunthorne has enlarged his little gallery and, having decorated it with great refinement and in admirable taste, has made it the prettiest in town.

City Notes.

THE NITRATE COMBINATION.

Arrangements are on foot on the part of the companies which have entered into the Nitrate Combination for the placing of the sale of the soda in the hands of one agent, but nothing definite has yet been decided. The duty may be entrusted to Barings or Gibbs, or an association created for the purpose. By such a plan, there would be greater security that the quotas of the respective companies would be strictly adhered to than if each were left to sell independently. Meanwhile, the price of nitrate has risen about a sixpence per cwt. from the lowest point, and is now quoted 8s. 8d. to 8s. 10d.

DECLINING EXPORTS TO BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

There is one feature in our foreign trade which is not altogether satisfactory. Last year our imports increased 10½ per cent. and our exports 6 per cent. With respect to trade with British Possessions our imports, which amounted to £97,136,000, show an increase of 12¾ per cent., so that the proportion is even higher than when the totals are taken; but exports, which are valued at £82,862,000, show a decrease of 1¼ per cent. There has been a considerable falling off in the shipments both to India and Australia, which increases to New Zealand, South Africa, and Canada do not balance. The export figures for the two past years are as follows:—

	1888.	1889.
Heligoland	165	256
Channel Islands	579,701	591,901
Gibraltar	670,175	742,920
Malta	829 761	895,633
West African Settlements ...	285,333	306,928
The Gold Coast ..	493,772	472,478
Ascension	976	2,836
St. Helena.....	12,663	11,780
Cape of Good Hope	3,689,820	5,889,013
Natal	2,024,303	3,057,826
Mauritius	253,928	297,970
Aden	104,274	207,382
Bombay & Sinde	13,553,197	12,716,367
Madras	3,081,314	3,321,600
Bengal & Burmah	15,904,753	14,029,025
Straits Settlements	2,587,201	2,394,994
Ceylon	703,440	778,934
Hong Kong	2,804,761	2,172,325
West Australia ...	340,221	349,282
South Australia ...	1,922,714	1,616,832
Victoria	8,877,669	7,718,108
New South Wales	8,078,311	7,005,892
Queensland.....	2,745,294	2,365,168
Tasmania	482,330	491,929
New Zealand.....	2,952,006	2,186,130
Fiji Islands.....	14,783	21,068
Canada	7,138,877	7,696,031
Newfoundland ...	418,415	418,716
Bermudas	81,954	76,149
British West India Islands	2,272,788	2,174,205
British Honduras	101,845	102,168
British Guiana ...	680,172	815,304
Falkland Islands	23,794	30,544
Total	83,938,478	82,861,583

ITALIAN WINES IN LONDON.

The Italians are not satisfied with, indeed they are alarmed at, the persistent decline in the imports of Italian wines into England, and a project is on foot for establishing in London a depôt for the exhibition and sale of these wines. The Government, however, will not extend any but a benevolent support to the scheme; for, although anxious to develop the trade, they do not feel called upon to grant subsidies. The Italian and English statistics do not agree, the former showing much larger shipments to this country than the latter, the explanation possibly being that a good deal comes vid other countries and loses its nationality on the way. Both records, however, show proportionately the decrease which has occurred. Taking the Italian figures, the annual average export to this country of Italian wines in cask for the years 1861-71 was 2,533,000 gallons, and in the decade 1871-81 the average was only 1,763,000 gallons. There was a still further fall in 1880-84 to 908,000 gallons, and there was very little change until 1888, when, owing to the Italian Exhibition in London, the shipments rose to 1,545,000 gallons. Last year there was a sharp drop to the former figures; indeed, to the lowest level yet reached. Italy has been finding fresh outlets for its vintage in South America and other countries; but it does not want to lose its English connection. The establishment of depôts in Switzerland and Germany has done good, and it is thought that the same result may follow the setting up of a depôt in London.

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THE COUNTESS RUSSELL'S TROUSSEAU.

Miss Scott, who was married to Earl Russell last week, is a very pretty girl of one-and-twenty. She has a fair complexion and bright brown hair, which she fastens up simply in a Grecian knot. Her trousseau was much admired, and a few particulars about it may be of interest to some lady readers. The bridal dress of white satin, trimmed at the foot and perpendicularly from shoulder to hem with orange blossoms, white heather, and myrtle, was more striking than bridal dresses are wont to be. There was some valuable old Honiton lace about it, and the long train was richly trimmed with white ostrich. Old rose and pale green are the young bride's favourite shades, and one of her handsomest evening dresses of satin was in a tender shade of willow green. The front of the dress was gracefully draped with net, embroidered with pearls and beads, in imitation of emeralds. A contrast to this in style was an evening dress of old rose crêpe de chine made in a girlish, simple fashion, with a band of Oriental embroidery round the waist. The Countess is very fond of soft, clinging stuffs, and another of her evening dresses was of pink crêpe de chine embroidered with gold. A ball gown of pale blue lisse was delightfully pretty. That also had some gold about it. A dignified-looking tea-gown of pink satin had its rather severe draperies outlined with golden beaver. The combination was quite successful. Of the day dresses, the smartest and prettiest was of lavender-grey cashmere, embroidered lightly with marguerites. The bodice had a straw-coloured front made of some delicate soft stuff, and a surah sash of the same colour tied on the left side. The bride's travelling attire was in a quiet tone of grey. Her silk dress was concealed by a long cloak of grey velvet trimmed with chinchilla. She wore a grey velvet hat with a bunch of forget-me-nots in it.

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LADY CADOGAN'S RECEPTION.

Last night Lady Cadogan received a very large assembly of guests in the splendid suite of rooms which look out on Lowndes street and Cadogan-place. The fine hall and marble staircase were decorated with flowers and evergreens, and the reception rooms were also bright with flowers. Many events had contributed to rob the gathering of a number of its guests. Both Lord and Lady Salisbury were too unwell to be present and Lord Sydney's illness kept several people away. Moreover, the German Ambassador, the Russian Ambassador, the Spanish Ambassador, and Prince Malcom Khan have left England. However, the French Ambassador came with Mdme. Waddington and Count and Countess Tornielli, the newly arrived at the Italian Embassy, were the observed of all observers. Countess Tornielli looked exceedingly well. Count and Countess Deym were also present, and the red fezes of the Turkish Embassy pleasingly diversified the scene. There was a great collection of members of the Government, many of whom, coming on from Mr. W. H. Smith's parliamentary dinner, were in full dress. Mr. Smith himself did not arrive till late on the scene, but Mr. A. J. Balfour, Mr. Goschen, Mr. Henry Matthews, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Edward Stanhope, and Lord George Hamilton preceded him. Many of the Liberal Unionist chiefs came on from Lord Derby's dinner, including Sir Henry James, the Duke of Westminster, Lord Rothschild, and others. There was an immense gathering of Conservative M.P.'s, including Mr. Gully, Mr. Whitmore, the Marquis of Granby, Lord Walter Gordon Lennox, Mr. Seager-Hunt, Mr. H. Seton Karr, Mr. Baumann, Mr. Robert Webster, and Sir Edward Guinness. Among the other people who were present were Lord and Lady Esher, the latter resplendent with the most magnificent diamonds. Lord and Lady Tennant, Lord and Lady Sefton, Lady Sandhurst, Lady Sandhurst, Lord and Lady Curzon, Sir Saul and Lady Samuel, Sir Francis and Lady Seymour, the Lord Chancellor and Lady Halsbury, Viscount Wolseley, Lord Stanhope, Lord and Lady Cranborne, Lord Lymington, Monsieur Raymond le Comte, Signor Luiz Dominguez, the Hon. Sidney Greville, Sir Edmund Loder, Sir Walter de Sousa, Mr. Gerard Loder, and Mr. George Wyndham. The reception was a very prolonged affair, for so many people came on late from elsewhere that the rooms kept on filling and refilling till long past twelve.

The Serpentine is once more coated with a thin sheet of ice, and so also are the Long Water and the Round Pond in Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens.

Mrs. Parnell, the mother of Mr. Parnell, has requested the Governor of New Jersey to assist the passing of a Bill through Congress, authorising the payment to her of money due from the State to her father. The Governor has acceded to her request.—*Reuter.*

A conference of London members and candidates took place yesterday afternoon at the National Liberal Club, Professor Stuart, M.P., presiding. The principal topic of discussion was the proposed alteration of the registration law so far as it affects the London programme. A deputation was appointed to wait upon Mr. Stansfeld, who has charge of this question, to explain the views of the meeting.

FOURTH EDITION.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE.

The fifth session of the present Parliament was opened at two o'clock this afternoon by Royal Commission

The first man to arrive at the House this morning was Mr. Macartney, the Conservative member for South Antrim. He entered the Lower Chamber at five minutes past nine, and having secured his seat left again. Five minutes later came Mr. Dixon Hartland, who was followed at half-past nine by Mr. Picton. There was no other arrival until ten, when Mr. Swift McNeill came and secured a seat near Mr. Bradlaugh below the gangway. Between ten o'clock and noon the arrivals of members took place in the following order:—from ten to eleven: Sir John Colomb, Sir Edward Birkbeck, Mr. Leake, Mr. Shaw (Halifax), and Mr. Howell. From eleven to twelve: Mr. Wardle, Mr. Byron Reed, Mr. Johnston (Belfast), Mr. Halley Stewart, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. Sidney Buxton, Mr. Arthur Williams, Mr. Burdett-Coutts, Lord Burleigh, Mr. Edward Harrington, Mr. McArthur (Leicester), Mr. Donald Sullivan, Mr. Herbert Gardner, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Munro Ferguson, Professor Bryce, and Mr. Sinclair (Ayr).

After twelve the arrivals came in much faster, and before a quarter-past several familiar figures had reserved their seats. Among these were Mr. Bradlaugh (who is still slightly valetudinarian); Sir Robert Fowler, who is City member, has the right to a seat on the Treasury Bench on the opening day; Sir Charles Forster; Mr. Bartley, and Mr. M'Clure.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

The following is the text of the Queen's speech:—

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

My relations with other Powers continue to be of a friendly character.

An armed force under a Portuguese officer was despatched during the autumn from the Colony of Mozambique into territory where British Settlements had been formed, and where there are native tribes who have been taken under my protection. A collision, attended with bloodshed, took place, and acts were committed inconsistent with the respect due to the flag of this country. The Portuguese Government have now, at my request, promised to withdraw their military forces from the territory in question.

A Conference of the Powers interested in the suppression of the slave trade has been convoked at Brussels by the King of the Belgians. I earnestly hope that the results of its deliberations will advance the great cause for which it is assembled.

A Commercial Convention has been concluded with the Khedive of Egypt, and a Provisional Arrangement for the adjustment of pressing fiscal questions has been made with the Government of Bulgaria.

Papers on all these questions will be presented to you.

The Convention concluded by me with the Emperor of Germany and the Republic of the United States with respect to the government of Samoa will be laid before you, together with the protocols of the Conference; as also a treaty which has been concluded with the United States for amending the law of extradition between the two countries. The latter instrument still awaits the ratification of the Senate.

The disordered condition of Swaziland having rendered it necessary to make provision for the better government of that territory, the independence of which was recognized by the Convention of London, I have, acting in conjunction with the President of the South African Republic, sent a Commissioner to learn the views of the Swazis and of the white settlers.

I shall await with lively interest the result of the Conference now being held to discuss the important question of the federation of the Australian Colonies. Any well-considered measure which, by bringing these great Colonies into closer union, will increase their welfare and strength, will receive my favourable consideration.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,

The Estimates of the year for defraying the cost of the government of the country will be laid before you. They have been drawn with a due regard to economy and to the necessities of the public service.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

The continued improvement in the state of Ireland, and the further diminution in the amount of agrarian crime, have made it possible very largely to restrict the area in which it is necessary to deal with certain offences by summary process. Proposals for increasing under due financial precaution the number of occupying owners; for extending to Ireland the principles of local self-government which have already been adopted in England and Scotland, so far as they are applicable to that country; and for improving the material well-being of the population in the poorer districts, will be submitted to you.

A Bill for facilitating and cheapening the transfer of land in England will be again presented to you.

Provisions will be submitted to you for diminishing the difficulty and cost which at present attend the passage of private legislation required for Scotland.

A Bill for improving the procedure by which title to new levied, and for facilitating its redemption will be laid before you.

I have appointed a Commission to report upon the best means of improving the economic conditions which affect the inhabitants of some parts of the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

Your attention will be invited again to a Bill for ascertaining the liability of employers in case of accidents, and to a measure for improving the procedure in winding up insolvent companies under the Limited Liability Acts.

There will be laid before you Bills for the consolidation and amendment of the laws with respect to public health in the metropolis, and to the dwellings of the working classes; and also a Bill for the better regulation of savings banks and friendly societies.

Your attention will be directed to the state of the accommodation now provided in camps and barracks, and you will be asked to make better provision for the distribution as well as for the health and comfort of my troops.

I commend you earnestly in the discharge of your high responsibility to the care and guidance of Almighty God.

"OLD FELLOWS I' THE CELLARAGE."

SEARCHING FOR GUY FAWKES AT WESTMINSTER.

Every year, before it is deemed safe to allow her Majesty's Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Her Faithful Commons to return to their duties at Westminster, a dignified but careful search is made among the cellarage. Customs and rites linger among us long after they have lost the saving virtue which they might have once possessed; and the authorities still affect to think that some daring spirit of the present day may desire to emulate the deeds of the arch-conspirator of the Jacobean era. Accordingly ten Yeomen of the Guard (or "Beefeaters," as they are popularly termed) are brought from the Tower of London at the opening of every session to see that the vaults of the House are free from all traces of conspiracy and its deadly machinations. What these half a score of ancient men would do if they came upon some modern Guy Fawkes ensconced among a dozen barrels of gunpowder, with a dark lantern at his side, will probably never be known. The explosions which take place in the Houses of Parliament are generally caused by the metaphorical bombshells which are thrown into their midst—not by gunpowder or dynamite secreted beneath the floor.

The custom, however, lingers on, though the spirit which once inspired it was long ago dead. This morning ten Yeomen of the Guard—looking for all the world as if they had stepped out of the Savoy opera—came up from the Tower to inspect the cellars. In previous years they have entered the building by the Peers' entrance and formed their procession behind the throne. To-day they came in by way of St. Stephen's entrance, and passed into the Octagonal Central Hall. Thence they slowly filed into the House of Lords, and examined the cellars beneath. These proving all right, they came back once more to the Central Lobby, whence they entered the House of Commons. A Commoner, it must be remembered, is as averse to being blown into the air at a moment's notice as a temporal or spiritual lord. The cellars below the House of Commons were therefore inspected, and were also found to be safe. Then the Beefeaters left the building and proceeded home to the Tower—happy in the thought that the members of both Houses might now take their seats without fear.

CAPT. O'SHEA'S ACTION AGAINST MR. PARNELL

FURTHER ADJOURNMENT.

When Mr. Justice Butt took his accustomed seat at the Divorce Court this morning, Mr. Asquith, Q.C., mentioned the motions to commit the *Star*, *Freeman's Journal*, and *New York Herald* for contempt of court in commenting upon the proceedings for divorce which Captain O'Shea is taking against his wife and Mr. Parnell. The learned counsel said that Sir Charles Russell was too indisposed to appear, and asked for another adjournment on that ground. Mr. L. Coward offered no objection, and his lordship assented.

Sir Charles Russell is recruiting his health out of town.

THE PLAINTIFF CHANGES HIS SOLICITORS.

The *Freeman's Journal* says an order was obtained yesterday changing Captain O'Shea's solicitors in the O'Shea divorce suit from Mr. E. Frank Day to Messrs. Wontner and Sons. Mr. Day is a son of Judge Day, but the reasons for the change were not stated.

THE SIOUX RESERVE THROWN OPEN.

MAD RUSH OF SPECULATORS.

A Reuter's telegram from New York says:—The news of the Sioux Reserve having been proclaimed open for settlement created the wildest excitement at Pierre and Chamberlain in South Dakota. The settlers immediately made a rush to secure the land, which comprises nine million acres. Houses are already being erected. The aid of the military was required to prevent the "boomers" from seizing the choicest lands. It is feared that there may be some fighting between the rival claimants before things settle down.

ANOTHER MISSING STEAMER.

MR. HENEAGE, M.P., ON BOARD.

A Central News telegram from New York says: The steamship *Swiftsure*, from Victoria to San Francisco, has not yet been reported at the latter place, although she left Victoria thirteen days ago. Some anxiety is felt, as the passage usually occupies only three or four days. Mr. Edward Heneage, M.P., is a passenger by the overdue vessel, the right hon. gentleman being on his way home to England.

PARTICK ELECTION.—THE POLLING.

Polling commenced this morning in the Partick division of Lanarkshire for the election of a parliamentary representative for the divis on, in the room of the late Mr Alexander Craig-Sellar (L.U.) The candidates are Mr. J. Parker Smith (L.U.) and Sir Charles Tennant (G.L.) Both candidates are well supported and a close contest is anticipated. The poll at the last general election was :—Craig-Sellar (L.U.), 3,745 ; McLean (G.L.), 3,044.

There are eight polling booths in the division, with twenty-two stations. All the districts are profusely placarded, and vehicles are used to take outside voters to the polling places. Residents in the better class suburbs of Hillhead and Kelvinside recorded their votes before leaving for the city, and from eight o'clock there was a steady stream to the booths.

THE FORGED LETTERS AND THE QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

A "privilege" motion, which will be made in the House of Commons this afternoon by Sir William Harcourt, will raise the question of the forged letters. It may (the *Daily Telegraph* thinks) be taken for granted that the Speaker will, with regard to the question of the forged letters, declare in favour of privilege, and consequently on this point a two nights' discussion may arise.

THE CRONIN BRIBERY CASE.

The trial of the persons charged with having attempted to bribe the jury in the Cronin case began to-day. The chief defendant is missing, and his bail to the amount of 15,000 dols. was estreated.—*Reuter.*

DR. BUTLER OFFERED THE VACANT BISHOPRIC.

The London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* has learned that the Prime Minister has, at the suggestion of Canon Westcott, offered the Bishopric of Durham to the Master of Trinity—Dr. Butler, the former head master of Harrow.

TWENTY AMERICAN FISHERMEN DROWNED.

A number of oyster vessels have been lost in a storm which yesterday swept over Chesapeake Bay. Twenty of the men on board of them were drowned.—*Reuter.*

THE GENTILES TRIUMPHANT IN SALT LAKE CITY.

The elections in Salt Lake City held yesterday have resulted in the defeat of the Mormons. The victory of the Gentiles has been received with great rejoicing. There has, however, been no disturbance of the peace.—*Reuter.*

THE HALLIWELL-PHILLIPPS COLLECTION.

The London correspondent of the *Birmingham Post* is informed that the New York Shakespeare Society has at length made an offer to the trustees for the Halliwell-Phillipps collection of Shakespearean rarities. There is every probability that the collection will become the property of that body.

THE FATAL STEAMBOAT ACCIDENT ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

The accident yesterday to the tug-boat *Portlands*, which foundered after colliding with the pier of a bridge, has proved to be more disastrous than was at first believed. It is now known that out of a crew of forty men, seven were drowned.—*Reuter.*

ORANGEISM IN CANADA

An Exchange Company's telegram from Ottawa says, the bill to incorporate the Orange Lodge of British America, a measure which has excited intense feeling, passed the second reading in the Dominion House of Commons last night by eighty-five votes to sixty-nine.

THE BULGARIAN CONSPIRACY.

A Reuter's telegram which comes from Vienna says that it is stated from more than one source that Russian agents and the leaders of the Bulgarian conspiracy, MM. Zankoff, Mathieff, and Karaveloff, have failed in their reckless intrepidity and popularity of Ma or Panitza for the purpose of carrying out their plot, but after the dethronement of the Prince to remove the Ma or, whom they did not regard as sufficiently friendly to Russia.

DEATH OF A WIDELY-KNOWN HUNTING MAN.

Mr. George William Lowther has died at Grasse, in the South of France and the *Yorkshire Post* laments the disappearance of a thorough-going sportsman, a Yorkshire country gentleman of a type whose representatives, alas! are dwindling to a heedlessly-remunerated, and one of the most generous-hearted of private friends. For hunting and coaching had for more academic devotees, in Yorkshire or anywhere else, than Mr. George Lowther. Not even Mr. Lane Fox himself can say that through eighteen or twenty consecutive seasons he has hunted nearly every day that hounds were out, sticking to them persistently till night. Many people attribute Mr. Lowther's fatal addiction to hard riding. That is quite a mistake. Rather he was almost invariably within sight wherever the pack might happen to be with which he should say, the rather to his knowledge of the country, and to that habitual, intuitive, or acquired wisdom which, assiduously cultivated, will always conduct a sportsman to the spot where he desires to be, than to over-activity. By the exercise of sound judgment Mr. Lowther spared both his own stock of energy and that of his horse, setting an example that many more vigorous and fussy hunting people might follow with advantage to themselves and the interests of sport. The Swillington division, comprising Mr. and Mrs. George Lowther and five of their children, attended by the redoubtable "Lowther Tom"—a group well worthy of the pains that "Reynard," the artist, bestowed upon it—has been very much missed these last two seasons, for it was one of the pleasantest features of nearly every meet. When the hunting season was over, Mr. Lowther, as everybody knows, "kept the game alive" by transferring his activities to coaching. He was a really first-rate whip, though not of the showy order. Through many seasons he piloted, on his own account, a coach from the Royal Hotel, at Scarborough, to the Britannia Inn at Bridlington and back, changing horses at Filey and at the Potterii Inn, near Speeton Cliffs ; and in the summer of 1886 he drove that high-popular coach, the Rocket, daily from the Bull and Mouth at Leeds to the Prospect Hotel at Harrogate and back. Mr. Lowther's teams were not what such a business-like and skilful judge of horses might be expected to select—not of the prancing, attractive description, but thick-set, short-legged horses, that got through their work in a quiet way, without unnecessary expenditure of the reserve power they all possessed. How well they were treated is amply proved by the fact that the main city of them sold for more money at the York sales at the end than they cost at the beginning of the season. Of public life Mr. Lowther steered clear.

Earl Sydney passed a quiet night, but after six o'clock this morning he became more restless.

OUTRAGE ON BRITISH RESIDENTS IN PALESTINE.

ROBBED AND BRUTALLY TREATED BY ARABS.

The *Daily News* has received a communication from the Rev. J. Howell, of Mountain Ash, in which he gives the following extraordinary particulars of an outrage on British residents in Palestine:—"On my arrival at Jaffa by the Russian boat from Port Said, on Tuesday morning, January 21, I came across an English gentleman, who, with his wife and others, had been attacked and robbed by Arabs at a place situated at a distance of about two hours from Jaffa. The gentleman is Mr. Richard Webb, a native of Oxfordshire, who has resided for five years at Mount Lebanon, in the district of Beyrout. On the 13th January, he, his wife, and the courier, each on horseback, left Beyrout for Jaffa, accompanied by another driver on foot, and five camels laden with luggage, each of which also had a driver. On the afternoon of the second day of their journey, at a lonely place between the sea on the one hand and the tall cliffs on the other, they were overtaken by powerful Arabs on horseback with disguised faces, armed with guns, swords, spears, and bludgeons. The assailants demanded possession of all their valuables, and attacked them first of all with their bludgeons. Mr. Webb fired a revolver twice into the air, hoping to frighten them, but the firing only infuriated them. They then drew their spears, and Mr. Webb was seriously wounded on the head, his thigh, and his hand. One of the drivers had his hands tied on his back and disabled, because, being on the spot with him, he endeavoured to assist his master. Serious wounds were also inflicted on his head. The robbers not only took all the money Mr. Webb had, but also stripped him of all his clothes, excepting his trousers and boots. They also took all the upper garments of Mrs. Webb, and all she had, excepting a watch which she had hidden in her bosom, and one of her earrings. The other earring they took. But for the earnest pleading of Mrs. Webb, who can speak Arabic perfectly, on behalf of her husband, it is more than probable that they would have murdered him. It was with the greatest difficulty that the chief of the robbers with drawn sword, succeeded in keeping off his companions and saved Mr. Webb's life. After taking all they could of what was of any value, they then went for the camels, which were some distance behind, and seized their luggage. It was altogether a loss of £200 to Mr. Webb. A little after sunset they reached Sidanah, where, after some trouble to get any place, they were at last permitted to sleep together in a stable. Mr. Webb was too much weakened by loss of blood and pained by his wounds to go on to Jaffa before the following day, where he was received into the English hospital. One of the robbers has been arrested, and strong hopes are entertained of the arrest of his accomplices. It is to be hoped that, for the sake of the safety of the many visitors here from many lands, the authorities will exert themselves energetically and successfully."

THE VATICAN AND THE SOCIAL QUESTION.

THE POPE'S ATTITUDE ON THE KAISER'S "DECREES."

The international lead on the social question which the Pope might have taken has been seized by the young German Emperor. But the Pope—so our Special Correspondent at Rome informs us by telegraph—views the action of the Kaiser with complete sympathy. Should the Pope be invited to take part in the International Congress proposed by the Emperor, his Holiness will, it is understood, most readily accept the invitation. Such a co-operation would be most useful to the end in view, and the announcement of it before the coming elections in Germany would of course be advantageous to the German Government in view of the Catholic vote. But unfortunately the Pope's co-operation with the Kaiser will be conditional on the latter abstaining from inviting any representative of the Italian Government. Whether the Kaiser will care to propitiate the Vatican at the expense of slighting the Quirinal is more than doubtful.

ONE OF STANLEY'S OFFICERS AT HOME.

Captain Robert Nelson, one of Stanley's lieutenants in the expedition which rescued Emin Pasha, and son of Mr. Henry Nelson, solicitor, Leeds, arrived home yesterday afternoon. His father met him on Sunday on his arrival in London from Paris. Captain Nelson is now happily in robust health—rather thinner, perhaps, than he was, but trim-ed and vigorous-looking, and in high spirits. His safe return, humanly speaking, is to be ascribed to his splendid constitution, the possession of which is evidenced by his well-knit, wiry frame. Need it be said that Captain Nelson has the highest admiration of his great chief, whom he regards as a born leader? Stanley's influence over the natives was simply marvellous, and he inspired the most profound confidence on the part of his English lieutenants, so certain were they to extricate them selves by diplomacy or himself. None of those who survived the terrible trials and privations of the journey suffered more than did Captain Nelson whilst in charge of what has been called "Starvation Camp," and none would be readier than he to return to the Dark Continent, under the leadership of Stanley, were that necessary. The *Leeds Mercury* is glad to learn from Captain Nelson that he is now to visit Leeds in the autumn during the meeting of the British Association, and that we may see Surgeon Parke and Lieutenant Stairs there even earlier than that. Whenever they come they are sure to receive a warm welcome. Captain Nelson returns London to-morrow for the purpose of meeting the Emin Relief Committee.

THE NEW RULES FOR ACADEMY STUDENTS.

The new rules for the admission of art students to the Royal Academy schools (of which we have already given a forecast) have just come from the printers' hands. In the first place, all who have passed the age of twenty-three must pursue their studies elsewhere. In the second place, the drawing from the antique will no longer be the sole test point for qualification, but the student will be required to send a study of a head and of an arm from the life ; the sculptor must submit a medallion from the life, as well as his modellings from the antique : and the architect will be required to show a geometric elevation of some part of an existing building, besides displaying his knowledge of freehand and ornamentation and his familiarity with the different "orders" and their entablatures. When these works have been pronounced up to the desired standard the student will be admitted as a probationer, and as such will be summoned to the Academy to show his skill within its walls, being put to the anxious test of "time drawings," and an original sketch for a design in black and white. The sculptor and the architect, in like manner, will have to work while the hands of the clock are measuring their capacities.

MARKS v BEYFUS AND OTHERS.

Marks *v.* Beyfus and 'others, before Mr. Baron Huddleston and a special jury to-day, was an action for damages for an alleged conspiracy to get the plaintiff prosecuted, and for other matters. It was partly heard yesterday, and the hearing was continued this morning. Mr. Marks conducted his case in person ; and Mr. Winch, Q.C., Mr. Cock, Q.C., Mr. H. Kisch and Mr. Salter represented different defendants.

Sir Augustus Stephenson, Q.C., the Director of Public Prosecutions, was called by the plaintiff. He said that he, in February, 1888, instituted a prosecution against the plaintiff and Mr. Saville. He did on his own statements that were laid before him, but he declined to produce those statements, upon the ground that it would be contrary to the interest of the public service that he should do so

Mr. Baron Huddleston, after some discussion, held that the witness had a right to refuse to produce the papers.

Mr. Marks asked to be allowed to supplement the evidence that he himself gave yesterday.

Mr. Baron Huddleston said that he could not allow that.

Mr. Genese was accordingly called.

THE COLONIAL OFFICE AND VICTORIAN DIVORCE.

The new Divorce Bill recently passed by the Victorian Legislature formed the subject of a discussion yesterday at the Colonial Office between Lord Knutsford and the Australian Agents-General, Mr. Shields, member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, who has come over specially from Melbourne on behalf of the Government of Victoria in connection with this matter, being also present. It is understood that the Colonial representatives who have been instructed by their respective Governments to advocate the passing of the bill were very satisfied with their interview with Lord Knutsford, who has promised to communicate their views to his colleagues for consideration.

THE MONEY MARKET.

One o'clock.

STOCK MARKETS QUIET.—ATTENTION OCCUPIED WITH THE SETTLEMENT.—CONTANGO RATES.

There is a good demand for accommodation in the open market this morning in connection with the Stock Exchange settlement, but, owing to the restriction of the operations account for the rise open, the demand is not quite so strong as a fortnight ago, and the quotation for loans on Stock Exchange securities for the fortnight is about 6¼ to 6½ per cent. Day to day money is obtainable at 5½ per cent. The discount rate for three months' bank paper remains at 4½ to 4¾ per cent.

There is little movement in prices of Stock Exchange securities, speculators being almost exclusively occupied with the adjustment of the account. The carrying-over rates, as anticipated, are distictly easier than last time, chiefly owing to the smaller amount of speculation open. In the Home Railway Market rates generally are about ⅜ to 3-16 lower than a fortnight ago while in one or two distinctions there is distinct evidence of speculation for the fall. Great Eastern for instance are carried over at no charge, while on the first stock the rate is very slight. On Great Western, North Western and Midland, the contango charge is 5-16 to 7-16, but on North Eastern it is 7-16 to 9-16. In the foreign department, too, the charges are mostly easier. On American Railroads the charge, which last time was about 8 per cent, and the previous settlement 5 to 10 per cent, has fallen to 6⅛ per cent. as an average. On Trunks the contangos are 1-16 to 3-16 lower, and there is some scarcity of Mexican Railway issues. The latter, however, notwithstanding this fact, show a sharp fall on the traffic return of £14,800, being much below what the market had anticipated.

The Debenture Corporation (Limited) and the Foreign and Colonial Debenture Corporation (Limited), Worcester House, Walbrook, and the Realisation and Debenture Corporation of Scotland, are prepared to receive applications for a first issue of £1,502,000, in 150,000 ordinary shares and 200 founders' shares of the capital of £3,000,000, in 200,000 shares of £10 each, of which 200 are founders' shares, of the Anglo-American Debenture Corporation (Limited). A preferential dividend will be payable on the founders' shares in any year until 7 per cent. dividend has been paid for that year on the ordinary shares. The founders' shares will then receive half of the remainining profits, subject to provision for reserve fund. The subscribers of the founders' shares agree to pay the whole of the preliminary expenses of the corporation up to the first allotment of shares. The first issue also subscribes for £1,000,000 of this issue of ordinary shares, but the founders will not be entitled to any preference in the allotment. The company is established to provide a medium for the investment of British capital in the United States, Canada, and elsewhere, upon carefully-selected properties and approved bonds, obligations, stocks, and shares.

The Anglo-Austrian Bank (Limited) and Publishing Union (Limited), which will be issued this week, appears to have made a sensation in Vienna. Great things are expected for Austrian industry by this invasion of British capital. The company has purchased the three leading paper and wood pulp mills in the environs of Vienna and the ten principal establishments in the capital for newspaper and general printing, music printing, and lithography, bookbinding, stationery, and geographical and other engraving. The share capital of the company is £500,000, and the debenture capital is £250,000. The Lord Mayor is the chairman of the London board and Prince Radziwill of the Austrian board.

The new Russian Loan of 14⅜ millions sterling, which is to be brought out on the 20th inst. in Paris, London, Amsterdam, and St. Petersburg, is to be issued at 93 per cent, or 465 f. per obligation, of a nominal value of 500 f., on which the interest of 4 per cent. commences running from the 1st March. The loan will be devoted, as already announced, to the redemption of the Five per Cent. (Anglo-Dutch) Loans of 1864 and 1866, interest on which will cease on June 1 next, as well as to the conversion of the 1855 Loan.

The new German Imperial Loan amounts to nearly 6¾ millions sterling. Subscriptions will be received on the 14th inst. for 3½ per cent. bonds at the Imperial Bank in Berlin, the Deutsche Bank, or other specified bankers in Germany. The subscription price is fixed at 102½ per cent.

Letters of Allotment for the issue of 1,400,000 Five per Cent. Gold Bonds of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company have been posted.

The list of applications for shares in the Elkhorn Mining Company (Limited) will close to-morrow for both town and country.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.—The market opened with a moderate demand. Probable sales 7,000 bales. Futures are three to four points higher.

The following are the latest changes compared with yesterday's closing:—

HOME RAILWAYS.—*Improved:* Caledonian ⅛, Brighton Deferred, North Western, Sheffield Deferred, and North British Deferred ¼ each. *Receded:* Midland Barnsley ⅛, FOREIGN STOCKS.—*Rises:* Italian 1-16. *Lower:* Egyptian Unified and Spanish Four per Cents. 1-16.

CANADIAN AND FOREIGN RAILWAYS.—*Advances:* Grand Trunk Second Preference and Guaranteed ⅛. *Fallen:* Mexican Ordinary 1⅜, the Second Preference 1, the First Preference ¾, and Canadian Pacific ⅝.

AMERICAN RAILROADS.—*Rises:* Erie and Philadelphia and Reading shares ⅛. *Falls:* Louisville and Nashville, New York Central, Milwaukee and St. Paul, and Mexican Central Bonds ⅛ each. Denver Preference ⅜, Illinois Central ¼, Central Pacific, Missouri, Kansas, and Texas, Pennsylvania and Union Pacific shares ⅛ each.

MINES AND MISCELLANEOUS.—*Rises:* Suez Canal ¼, and Primitiva Nitrate ⅛. *Fallen:* Rio Tinto 1-16.

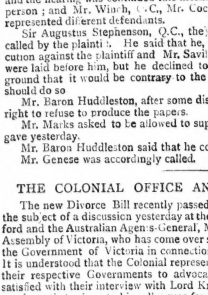
The following are this day's 1 o'clock prices of the principal Stocks and Shares :—

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.		Cha. Preferences	108⅛ 9
Consols (2½) money	97 ⅛	North Western	177 ⅝
Do account	97⅛	South Western	183¾ ¾
Do. 1903	103½ 103	Manchester & Liv.	88 90
2¾ per Cent	99 ⅛	Do. A	43½ 9
Local Loan Stock	102¾ ⅝	Met. Consolidated	79 ⅛
India (3½)	101 ½	Do. District	30⅛ 1
Do. 4½ p. c. Rs	71⅛ ⅛	Midland	143½ ⅛
Egyptian Guar.	101⅞ ⅜	North British Pref	77⅛ ⅝
Mexican Rl. Ord.	14 ⅛	Do. Def.	34⅝ 3
Do. 1st Pref.	39 ⅝	North Eastern	162¾ ⅝
Do. 2nd Pref.	20 ⅛	North Stafford	11⅜ 11
Birmingham Corp. St.	140	South Eastern	124 8
Liverpool	142⅝ ⅛	Do. Deferred	93⅛ ⅝
FOREIGN STOCKS.		Taff Vale	133 ½
Argent. 6 p.c. 1883	81 ⅛	**FOREIGN RAILWAYS.**	
Do. 5 p.c. Scrip	8⅛ 4⅝	Canada Pacific	79 ⅛
Do Treasury	93⅝ 4⅝	Chic. Milwaukee & St. P.	70⅜ 1
Austrian Gold	95 ⅝	Denver & R. Grande	19⅛ ⅛
Do. Silver	78 ⅝	Do. Pref.	84½ 1
Brazil Scrip 1883	73⅝ ⅝	Illinois Central	111 2
Do. part paid	13 9⅝ ⅜	Lake Shore	123⅜ 9
Buenos Ayres 6 p.c.	103½ 1⅝	Chicago, Rock Island	118 ⅝
Do. Cedulas	81⅛ 4⅝	Louisville & Nash.	73⅝ ⅝
Chilian 5 p.c. 1882	103 ⅜	Mex. Cen. New Stk.	14⅜ ⅜
Costa Rica A	90 8	Mex. Nat. & Trans	13 ⅜
Do. B	87 9	N.Y. Cen. Shares	108⅜ 9
Egyptian Unified	101¾ ⅜	New York Ont.	33⅛ ⅛
Do. Unified	95¾ ⅜	Erie Shares	27⅜ ⅜
Do. Preference	103⅜ ⅜	Do. Sec. Mort.	103⅛ 4
Do. Da. Sinkers	95¾ ⅜	Norfolk & West. Pref	61⅜ ⅜
French 5 p.c.	89¾ ⅜	N. Y. & P. Coal	15⅜ ⅜
Do. 4½ p.c. Rots	105 6	North Pacific Pref	70⅜ 7
Greek 5 p.c. 1881	90 ⅛	Pennsylvania Sh.	56 ⅜
Do. 4 p.c. 1887	71⅜ ⅜	Philla. Read. Sh.	41⅛ ⅜
Peruvian 5 p.c.	17⅜ ⅜	Do. Preference	72 ⅝
Do. 6 p.c.	27⅜ ⅜	Union Pacific	63 ⅜
Portuguese 3 p.c.	65¼ ⅜	Wabash Pfe. stock	33⅜ ⅛
Russian 4 p.c. 1881	91 ⅜	Do. Gen. Mort.	18⅜ ⅛
Spanish 4 p.c.	72 ⅜	Grand Trunk 3rd	13⅜ ⅜
Turkish 1865	14 ⅜	Do. First Pref.	72½ ⅛
Series A	41 ⅛	Do. Second Pref	49⅜ ⅜
Series B	21⅜ ⅜	Do. Third Pref.	27⅜ ⅜
Series C	17⅜ ⅜	Do. Guaranteed	79 ⅛
6% p.c. 1871	97⅜ ⅜	Mexican Ordinary	37⅜ ⅜
1p.c. Defences	101⅜ ⅜	Do. First Pref.	21⅞ 13⅜
4p.c. Priority	95 ⅜	Do. Sec. Pref.	11⅜ 10⅜
Uruguay Unified	72 ⅛	Lombardo-Venet	12 ⅛
Virginia Deferred	41⅜ 5⅛	Nitrate Railway	17⅜ ⅜
U.S. 6% c.	101 ⅛	**BANKS.**	
BRITISH RAILWAYS.		Alliance Bank	15 15
Caledonian	121⅜ 6	City Bank	15 ⅛
Great Eastern	51 ¼	Consolidated	8⅜ ⅛
Great Northern	121 6	Imperial Ottoman	11 3/16 3/16
Ditto A	125½ 6½	London and Country	92⅜ 5⅜
Great Western	151⅛ ⅜	London and Brazil	40½ 1½
Hull and Barnsley	88 ⅛	London and West	70⅛ 1⅛
Lancashire & York.	123 4	London Joint Stock	38⅜ 9⅛
Brighton (Ordinary)	134 6	Nat. Prov. of Eng.	19⅜ 6⅝
Brighton A	151½ 2	Nation. Bk. of Asia	9⅝ ⅜
Chatham (Ordinary)	22 ¼		

MINES.			
Indian Consolidated	2⅜ 3/8		
Hyderabad	9⅝ ⅛		
Oregums	2 ⅛		
Copiapo Copper	3⅛ ⅜		
Namaqua	2⅛ ⅛		
Rio Tinto New	9¾ 7/16		
Rio Tinto	13 ⅜		
Montana Claims	1 1/16 3/16		
Bellerophon	19⅜ 23		
Sabrina Copper	23⅜ 4		
TELEGRAPH STOCKS.			
Anglo-American	5¼ 2		
Do. Preferred	10⅛ 7⅛		
Brazilian Submarine	12 ⅛		
Direct Unit. States	13 ⅛		
Eastern	13⅝ 11⅜		
Do. Chartered	13⅜ 14		
National Telephone	6¾ ⅛		
Globe Teleg. Trust	6⅜ ⅜		
TRAMWAYS, ETC.			
London Gen. Omn.	100 203		
London Street	12 13		
London Tramways	134½ 13⅝		
North Metropolitan	143⅛ ⅜		
WATERWORKS.			
Chelsea Waterworks	213 9		
East London	211 12		
Grand Junction	178 ⅞		
Kent	144 ⅜		
Lambeth	232 5		
New River, New	153 ⅜		
Shiwell & Vauxhall	151 ⅞		
W. Middlesex	211 3		
GAS & ELECTRIC LIGHT.			
Gaslight & Coke A	21⅜ ⅛		
Guinness and Co.	55⅜ 40		
Hotchkiss	6¼ 7⅜		
Imperial Gas	13⅜ ⅜		
Spen's Patent	9⅜ ⅜		
Liverpool Nitrate	15 15		
Primitiva Nitrate	13⅜ ⅜		
Salt Union	8⅜ ⅜		
P. and O. Stm. Def.	93½ 10		
Royal Mail Steam	75 6		
Nat. Discount Co.	11⅜ 13⅜		
Hudson's Bay	13⅜ ⅜		
Suez Canal	93⅜ ⅜		
Rand. W. Ind. Dock	17 19		
London and St. K.	53 7		

The following are quotations of securities receiving attention at present, and not given in our list above :—

Bell's Asbestos	14⅜ ⅜	Ocean Land	11⅜ ⅜
San Jago	9⅜ ⅜	Salisbury Real	4 ⅜
Tanagra Water	19⅜ ⅜	Tramway Invest	⅜ 15/16
City and Suburban	9 ⅛	G. F. & S. Africa	9⅜ ⅜
Jumpers Gold	9⅜ ⅜	Exploring Co.	1⅜ ⅜
Jubilee	9⅜ ⅜	Rensselaer Exploration	6⅜ 5⅜
Salisbury	13 ⅜	Southern Land	4⅜ ⅜
Ruby	⅜ ⅞pm	Eastman's Ordinary	13⅜ ⅜
Luson Berlya	8⅜ 9⅜	Eimaco's Copper &c.	6⅜ 7


THERMOMETER.
FORECAST ISSUED AT 11 A.M. TO-DAY.
BAROMETER.
South England (with Channel).—Easterly and south-easterly breezes, light ; fair, cold and foggy at night.
THE WIND AT NOON TO-DAY
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Yesterday Noon to-day
High Water London Bridge. Morn. 9h. 44m. After. 9h. 59m.
Sun Rises 7h. 24m. ,, Sets 5h. 5m. Moon—Last Qr. 26th, 9h. 51m. A.M.
WEATHER AT NOON TO-DAY. Feb. 11, 1890.—Hazy to bright, sunny ; frosty air.
Readings by NEGRETTI AND ZAMBRA'S Instruments.

"Pall Mall Gazette" Office,

TUESDAY MORNING.

Important action is, I understand, to be taken to-day in the matter of the right of women to sit on the County Council. Acting on the advice of their friends, it is the intention of Miss Cons and Miss Jane Cobden to attend the meeting of the County Council this afternoon and resume their seats. It will be remembered that on Lady Sandhurst's case being judicially decided Miss Cons, who was elected an alderman, and Miss Cobden, who was returned by the electors of Bow and Bromley, ceased to attend the meetings of the council. According to Section 73 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, which was embodied in the Local Government Act of 1888, should the election of any member of a council remain unchallenged for one year, such election shall henceforth be regarded as valid. Miss Cons and Miss Cobden are acting on this section, the former having been chosen an alderman on February 5, 1889, and the latter, of course, having been elected in the previous month.

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Of all the members who will re-assemble at St. Stephen's to-day, none is in better spirits—not even Mr. Gladstone himself—than Mr. Parnell. Not only does he feel some natural elation at his victory in the *Times* case (for whatever others may have thought, Mr. Parnell himself never expected to get at the outside more than £1,000); but he is full of confidence that he will completely smash, pulverize, and destroy the fresh machinations of his enemies. Mr. Parnell's confidence has been contagious, and his whole party is now understood to be in splendid fighting trim.

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Among other amendments to the Address of which early notice will be given, there will probably be one moved by some London member in the interests of the "London Programme." Should the Queen's Speech contain no reference, or only an inadequate one, to the needs of London, an amendment will, I understand, be framed to meet the omission.

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It is stated that Sir J. Pope Hennessy may be asked to stand for East Galway in the place of Matt Harris. But Matt Harris is not going to resign—at least, not yet. Mr. Parnell has counselled him to hold on a bit longer; and Matt, who is the soul of loyalty, obeys his leader. He is a good soul is honest Matt, and I hope that the subscription list on his behalf will be generously filled up.

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But Sir J. Pope Hennessy must be got into Parliament without loss of time. Those who imagine that he will have any difficulty in promising to obey Mr. Parnell do not know their man. Sir John will have no difficulty in taking the oath of allegiance to the uncrowned King. He may interpret it freely afterwards; but that is another matter.

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The annual meeting of the Bishops of both Provinces, which formerly used to take place on Ascension Day, is being held to-day at Lambeth. The questions to be debated include those connected with the Welsh Church, brotherhoods, and the possibilities (if any) of legislation on Church Discipline. The Suffragan Bishops are not invited, but a nobler and bolder speech than that made yesterday afternoon at Princes' Hall by the Bishop of Bedford at the meeting of the Working Women's Trade Union, in which, in nervous language he justified the course he had taken in supporting the union, will not be delivered by any of the territorial prelates who, crowding the Athenæum yesterday, were most interested in speculations as to who will fill the See of Durham.

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Little Miss Dora Labouchere, who distinguished herself yesterday afternoon as Cupid in the pretty play for children written by Mrs. Labouchere, commences her social duties in good time. She is a lively and spirited child of six years, with raven-black hair, dark eyes, and an olive complexion. At the private view of the "Truth Toy Show" before Christmas, she performed the part of the hostess to some hundred of visitors with perfect ease, flitting about, programme in hand, drawing her friends' attention to the special charms of the show, and taking the burden of the day considerably off Mrs. Labouchere's shoulders.

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The benevolent gentleman who was reported last week to have presented a dinner-service to the poor woman who had fed and clothed two motherless urchins till her own cupboard was quite bare and the boys had to go begging, implores me to contradict the rumour that he gave Mrs. Lawrence a dinner-service. He says: "I simply sent the good, motherly woman a set of tea things as a slight acknowledgment of her generous conduct. It may have been a foolish act; but I did it for the best, and you would have been perfectly justified in your comments had I forwarded a dinner-service instead of what I did." I cannot say that the logic of the last observation is very apparent to me, but since some use—direct or indirect—has no doubt been made by the "old lady" of the "simple and useful present," there is no reason why the donor's generous impulse should be checked by any further reflections as to the wisdom of endowing starving coffee-stall keepers with tea-sets.

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"A writer in the *Pall Mall Gazette*," remarks a correspondent, "lately expressed a feeling of compassion for 'the poor horse,' because he 'seems destined to disappear from the streets under pressure of the competition of the electric car.' But surely this is a case for felicitation rather than pity. Of all the sights in a large town which are painful for a humanitarian to witness, few are worse than the legions of struggling, outworn cab-horses, whose declining years are simply an experience of prolonged torture, and whose dismal condition has become proverbial in our language under the phrase of 'hack-work.' The institution of the electric car is one of the most humane inventions of modern times, for it will gradually put an end to a vast amount of animal suffering. 'Surely some death is better than some life,' says the poet; and the cab-horse who is put out of existence, or rather not brought into it (for this would be the result of electric traction), is far less to be commiserated than the poor creature which stumbles wearily on its course till it ends its days in the knackers' yard."

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There is, I learn, a large and strong "field" in for the Haileybury Headmastership. Those, however, who are really "in the running" are not more than three or four in number. These, I imagine, are the Rev. F. D. Morice, of Rugby; the Rev. F. B. Westcott, of the same school; and the Hon. and Rev. Edward Lyttelton, of Eton; to whom should perhaps be added the Rev. J. C. P. Aldous, who as Principal Naval Instructor on the *Britannia* has a high reputation for organizing power, and who—if his distinctions were classical instead of mathematical—would be a formidable competitor. As it is, the new headmaster will doubtless be found amongst the three other gentleman I have named. Mr. Morice is one of the best known of the Rugby assistant-masters, and has only just missed headmasterships before now. Mr. Westcott is a son of the famous Professor, and himself a distinguished scholar. Mr. Lyttelton, though only a "second class" man, has a very high reputation among all who know him for strength and integrity of character.

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Here is what I believe to be a complete list of the candidates:—

1. Aldous, Rev. J. C. P., *Britannia*
2. Allen, Rev. A. J. C., Principal Chester Diocesan College
3. Almack, Rev. W., Bruce Castle
4. Batten, J. M., Esq., Wimbledon
5. Broughton, Rev. R., Oxford
6. Christian, Rev. G., Uppingham
7. Donton, Rev. G. W., Highgate
8. Fynes Clinton, E., Esq., Wimborne
9. Kno., Rev. E. A., Kibworth Rectory, Leicester
10. Lyttelton, Hon. and Rev. E., Eton College
11. Morice, Rev. F. D., Rugby
12. Papillon, Rev. T. L., Writtle, Essex
13. Westcott, Rev. F. B., Rugby
14. Wilmot, Rev. D., Macclesfield

All the candidates but two are, it will be observed, in Holy Orders. There is nothing in the Charter of the College requiring the headmaster to be a clergyman, but it is well understood that no layman has much chance.

MR. BRET HARTE AT THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

Mr. Bret Harte, the talented novelist, is, a London correspondent says, seeking recovery from *la grippe* at Ventnor, in the Isle of Wight. He certainly ought to recover if favourable weather can do anything in the matter, for during the past week at Ventnor it has been so much like summer that scores of visitors have been boating on the sea.

A SILVER COINAGE FOR CHINA.

The London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* hears from a trusty informant that the Viceroy, Li Hung Chang, is maturing a scheme which if carried out will cause a much greater revolution in China than any railway, however long. This is the introduction of a system of silver coinage, complete and uniform, for the whole empire. Li's scheme embraces the whole empire, and it is said to have obtained the support of Prince Chun, the Prime Minister, and father of the Emperor. The vast project is shortly to be laid before the Emperor by memorial in the usual way, supported by Li, the Prince Chun, and other eminent and progressive men.

WOMEN GYMNASTS AT THE PEOPLE'S PALACE.

Last evening at the People's Palace there was a large gathering to see nearly a hundred girls go through a series of gymnastic and calisthenic exercises, the result of twelve months' training. Sir Edmund Hay Currie hoped that public attention would be directed to the fact that every evening there were from five to six thousand students in the schools and about 1,500 in the gymnasium. The performers wore tunics and knickerbockers of navy blue serge and dark blue stockings with white low shoes. Around their waists were crimson sashes. Parallel and bell bar exercises were done well, and a running maze with its complicated movements was very pretty. The most striking performance was the vaulting, which was neat and well executed, one feat being a leap over the horse.

MONDAY POPULAR CONCERTS.

Mdme. Néruda was heard at her best last night in Spohr's melodious quartet in A. This work is one in which the leader is emphatically first and the rest nowhere, but it must be said of last night that Mdme. Néruda was ably supported by MM. Ries, Straus, and Piatti. While we have artistes capable of conquering its difficulties, Spohr's music is sure of a hearing, but we doubt whether the composer's mannerisms and the cloying sweetness of his melody and harmony can long be popular with a public which is awakening to the fact that the best music is that which makes it think as well as feel. Brahms's trio in E flat for violin, pianoforte, and horn was repeated, and we cannot too warmly praise M. Paersch for his masterly playing of the most human and most difficult of wind instruments. The beautiful slow movement is suggestive of well-known phrases in "Tristan und Isolde" and the "Meistersinger." Sir Charles Hallé gave a fine rendering of Beethoven's sonata in F sharp minor, and Mdme. Néruda played three of Heller and Ernst's "Pensées Fugitives"—charming trifles, charmingly played. Mdme. Hope Glen, who was not in her best voice, sang songs by Raff and Linley.

ACTION FOR LIBEL BY MR. W. O'BRIEN AGAINST MR. SMITH-BARRY.

The *Freeman's Journal* says Mr. William O'Brien, M.P., has decided to bring an action for libel against Mr. Smith-Barry, M.P., for the statements contained in his speech the other day in Huntingdonshire. Mr. O'Brien proposes to lay the venue in Limerick.

METROPOLITAN RADICALS AT DINNER.

Last night upwards of 100 members and friends of the Metropolitan Radical Federation (an organization to which forty-six Radical clubs are affiliated) held their fourth annual dinner at St. Paul's Café. Mr. Benjamin Ellis (a working brushmaker) occupied the chair, and among the guests were Mr. W. Saunders, L.C.C., Mr. J. Beal, L.C.C., Mr. J. Tims, L.C.C. (secretary of the Federation), and Mr. B. Burleigh. Professor Stuart, M.P., Mr. Conybeare, M.P., Mr. John Burns, and other well known Radicals sent apologies for their unavoidable absence. Mr. Ellis, in proposing "Success to the Federation," remarked that the past year's work had been comparatively uneventful; but there was a growing tendency on the Council to devote a larger share of attention to social questions, and this would bear fruit in the near future. Mr. Tims, in reply, congratulated the Federation on the fact that there had been a considerable accession of strength during the past year. He urged the clubs to combine for the purpose of returning Radical members at the coming elections for district councils. The toast of "Home Rule for Ireland" was proposed by Mr. P. H. Snelling and responded to by Mr. Murphy. Mr. James Beal, L.C.C., was greeted with the heartiest cheers of the evening on rising to respond to the toast of "The London County Council." He urged the clubs to agitate unceasingly for the municipal control of the police force. If London had possessed a Watch Committee in 1887 there would have been no scenes of violence in Trafalgar-square. Referring to the work of the Charities Committee of the Council, Mr. Beal said he had been pressing for a radical question for many years, and he did not intend to give up until the victory had been won. Mr. W. Saunders, L.C.C., said that it was not worth while to fly in the face of a moribund Government, which possessed enormous power to-day, but would have none to-morrow. He referred at some length to a great scandal which will engage the attention of the County Council at its meeting to-day, and that incessant vigilance is essential if corruption is to be stamped out of our public life. One of the most interesting features of the evening's proceedings was an earnest and pathetic plea by Mdme. Schaak for a fuller, freer life for women, especially among the working classes. A collection was made for the wife and children of George Harrison, now undergoing a sentence of five years' penal servitude in connection with the Trafalgar-square disturbances.

MISS MARY ANDERSON TO BE SUED.

If Miss Mary Anderson has abandoned the stage for matrimony, Mr. Abbey will, a New York telegram says, sue her for a breach of contract. Mr. John Schoefell, his partner, says that his lawyers have already written to her setting forth their claims and demanding damages.

MISS DORA'S DEBUT.

Probably few six-year-old birthday queens have scored such a success as did little Miss Dora Labouchere who made her theatrical début yesterday afternoon in a clever little musical fairy play written expressly for the occasion by Mrs. Labouchere. In honour of the same occasion Mr. Clement Scott contributed a prologue, Sir Arthur Sullivan had composed a song called "The Enchanted Wait," Mr. Paul Valentine has arranged some dainty dances, and Mr. Percy Anderson had sacrificed a whole Monte Carlo for the purpose of superintending the production of the bewitching costumes which he had designed for the littleactors. Great credit is due to the patient stage manager—whoever he or she was—who had drilled the little company so thoroughly that the Enchanted Palace went without a hitch. Though it was the first appearance of many of the little actors, none, even the tiniest, showed the least trace of stage fright, and the prompter's services were scarcely once required. The chief honours fell to little Miss Olive Routledge, the "leading lady," who, as Princess Pearl, looked, acted, sang, and danced her part with the natural ease and grace of a born actress. The Hon. Joan Norton, as the Prince of Cathay, and Miss Gladys Masters, as Prince Charmant of Siberia, made the most of their parts as the rival lovers of the Princess. Four little actresses—Misses Gladys, Violet, Dorothy, and Zoe Barker, in the prettiest of dresses, did duty as maids of honour and pages in attendance on the Princess, while Master Walter Adye, as the Lord Chamberlain, brought down the house by his singing of the comic song, "Ask a Policeman" in a manner worthy of "Aunt Jack." But all these, as well as the charming little fairies, Fire and Water, whose entrances with their appropriate accompaniments were delightfully managed, is as nothing compared to the delicious baby *naïveté* of the young hostess, Miss Dora Labouchere, who, dressed as a Cupid, appeared from out a great basket of roses. The solemnity with which the baby *debutante* lisped her lines, and figured as a *première danseuse*, was, as remarked by that competent critic, Miss Ellen Terry, "too killing." The incidental songs were delightfully sung by Mr. Sleigham's choir boys concealed behind the scenes. The stage was prettily decorated with flowers and plants, Japanese screens taking the place of curtains. At the close of the play, which had but one fault—that of brevity (a good one considering the age of the players)—Mrs. Labouchere had to respond to the call for "Author."

A large contingent of daintily-dressed little folk joined the young actors after the play in the birthday banquet, in which a frosted cake, with six candles, figured conspicuously. Among the audience were Miss Ellen Terry, in a becoming bonnet with violets; her son, Mr. Gordon Craig, her daughter, Miss Ellaline Terriss, Mrs. Lynn Linton, Mrs. Jopling, and Mrs. Arthur Stannard ("John Strange Winter"). During the afternoon a large number of Mr. Labouchere's juvenile friends, recently arrived in town, looked in and seemed as charmed as Miss Terry, whose warm applauses of the little actors was a compliment worth having.

THE SORTING CLERKS' MASS MEETING.

In the Memorial Hall, decorated for the occasion with the mottoes "Unity is Strength," "Equality and Fraternity," and the portraits and names of Jeffrey and Fawcett, 1,500 sorting clerks gathered last night to secure the fulfilment of what they believed had been granted to them by Parliament. The principal grievances appear to be inadequacy of pay, stagnant on of promotion, excessive amount of overtime, severity of night duty, and the insufficiency of the yearly holiday, and if their complaints are not attended to before March 1st, the meeting signified its intention of communicating with the Treasury. To carry out this purpose and to obtain the fulfilment of the "Fawcett Scheme," as well as for the mutual benefit and protection of its members, a union of sorting clerks was formed called the "Fawcett Association." Included in the programme is a sick benefit fund, and under special advantages members can assure their lives. Associates at a pecuniary loss for upholding the principles of the association are entitled to compensation from its funds, which are supplied by a levy of 3d. a quarter from every member. Mr. J. H. Williams was the chairman of last night's meeting, and to Mr. Cleary is due the credit and courage of organizing it, and of commencing a journal to advocate the views there expressed.

A FREE CONCERT BY THE CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA.

By a happy thought, Mr. Percy Armytage's orchestra of society children gave an interesting concert to the poor of Westminster in the Westminster Town Hall last night. The poor of this densely populated district turned out in full force, and gave only another illustration of the truism that the poor of London are not only to be found east of Temple Bar. The company of young musicians, in their snow-white dresses, formed a pretty contrast to the red coated children of the soldiers' orphanage, who lent their young voices to swell the vocal choruses. The orchestra has obviously improved since we heard it last, and, all things considered, the "strings" are very creditable. There is still an overplus of trumpet and drum, but even this is very much modified from former occasions. Taken altogether a wisely varied programme was admirably rendered, and evidently enjoyed. The Duchess of Teck was present during the whole evening.

Two slight shocks of earthquake were felt in St. Louis yesterday.—*Reuter.*

It is stated that the Speaker will shortly be the recipient of a mark of her Majesty's Royal favour.

Mr. John Mackey Sutherland, who claimed to be the rightful Duke of Sutherland, has died in Minnesota, aged seventy years.—*Reuter.*

The Earl of Carlisle is accompanied to London by his son, the Hon. Geoffrey Howard, who has now completely recovered from his accident, which has, however, necessitated the removal of one of his eyes.

Nothing further will be done in the matter of the publication of a new volume of Mr. Chamberlain's speeches until the right hon. gentleman has returned to England and is once more in regular political harness.

Mr. Henry Gladstone will, it is stated, take up his residence during the session with his bride at 10, St. James's-square, which his father has taken for the season, and he will act as the ex-Premier's principal private secretary.

To-day the banks are doing a brisk business in light gold, and by Thursday the sovereigns of William IV., George IV., and George III. will most of them have disappeared from circulation.

It is stated that Mr. Herbert Murray's appointment as Chairman of the Board of Customs will be officially confirmed in a few days. Mr Horace Seymour has received the appointment of deputy chairman.

According to the London correspondent of the *Leeds Mercury* great pressure was brought to bear on Lord Halsbury to induce him to appoint Sir W. Marriott to the judgeship just filled up by the selection of Mr. Vaughan Williams.

Mrs. Langtry went out yesterday for the first time, and hopes in a few days to be her old self again. Her greatest trouble is that her bronchial attack has left her almost without a voice.

The will of the late Mr. Thomas Bright, of Greenbank, Rochdale, has been proved. The net personal estate is sworn at £26,669 5s. 6d., and leaseholds, which the testator bequeaths to his son, Frank John Bright. There are no other bequests.

Up to the present time no lady has taken part in the discussions at the National Liberal Club, though ladies frequently are present at them. On the 25th, however, Mrs. Fenwick Miller will open a discussion there on "The Programme of the Women's Franchise League."

Sir Sidney Waterlow, having completed his arrangements for handing over his property in the North of London to the County Council, has set forth on a journey to America. He is accompanied by Lady Waterlow, and the are bound first for Florida, but will travel for several months in the Southern States, finally making their way across to San Francisco.

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	795	816	818	826	837	
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	1005	1018	1065	1059	1099	
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	1158	1204	1209			19,000
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	1509	1524	1544	1547	1576	
	1586	1593	1546	1732	1754	
	1758	1769	1803	1856	1891	
	1900	1922	1929	1957	1958	
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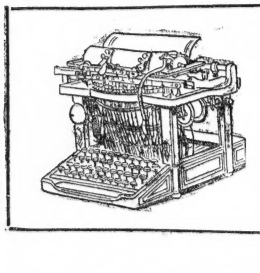

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